

Secondary Roads
W917PM-05-R-0017 through W917PM-05-R-0023
Closing Date: September 19, 2005

Question: As the ACC observed the Gardaz Mirzeke Road, the road is not enough wide for two way traffic, especially in the villages, what is your recommendation, to keep the existing wide or it must be widen?

Answer: Where space does not permit 2-way traffic in villages, construct roads as wide as allowable. Install traffic turnouts on each side so that vehicles may pull off the road and yield to oncoming traffic.

Question: Realignment of road is a necessity because of economic and enough speed for vehicles. In case of straitening the road land acquisition, land purchasing is a must, can we estimate in our proposal? Government or road right presently does not apply, no land owner give his land to road.

Answer: No road may be widened if it will encroach upon privately owned property. Roads may only be widened or re-aligned within the road Right-of-way.

Question: About Gardaz Mirzeke Road, the structures for this road (only culverts) are under the construction by UNOPS, are you sure the road surfacing or graveling and grading is in their program?

Answer: We are not sure of the extent of ongoing construction. Assume that current contractor is completely resurfacing portion of road under their construction. Do not propose any road upgrades in areas you know are under construction at this time.

Be sure to state your assumptions clearly, for example, "5km of road currently under construction, not included in this proposal."

Question: The time is too short for submitting of the proposal and it is difficult to have a comprehensive survey and design in this period, can we have unit for each type of structures (read, culvert, bridge) or we should have a total price for the project?

Answer: A comprehensive survey is not required prior to award. However, visual surveys are encouraged prior to award. A topographical survey is included in the schedule for proposal submission. Unit pricing is provided by amendment 0001.

Question: Is it going to be a Firm Fixed Price Contract or fluctuating cost re-imbursement? As the price of diesel, Bitumen has been showing an upward trend.

Answer: Firm-Fixed Price Contract

Question: The first page of form 1442 has already been filled, only there are two other sections remained, thus we should go to fill the form thoroughly or just fill that part which is remained blank.

Answer: Complete the back of Form 1442, numbers: 14, 15, 17, 19, 20A, 20B and 20C.

Question: In some of the projects there is mentioning of asphalt or bituminous, what will be the best choice, would we decide?

Answer: Asphalt is preferable for any paved surfaces. However, if asphalt is cost prohibitive for rural areas, contractor may propose a double bituminous surfacing. Contractor must show that he has the proper equipment, understands material requirements and possesses knowledge of the chosen technique to effectively pave by that method. Highly populated road areas, such as in Khost City shall be asphalt paved for to a minimum distance of three kilometers outside of city limit.

Question: After contracting of the project, how about the payment by percentage (%), is the payment in Corps or where? Because of security, our contractor needs his money.

Answer: Progress payments will be made. The contractor may choose to be paid at Kabul Compound Finance Center or electronic. Please state your choice in your proposal.

Question: How can we prepare our cost proposal? As for hard work of the project, we can do unit cost estimation, but how about soft work cost of the project? What should be the base for estimation of soft work of the project of management activities cost etc...?

Can we use the existed technical project designed as provided by the Ministry of Public Works?

Answer: All direct and indirect fees should be included in the average unit (km) cost for the design – build contract. Amendment 0001 has been issued to include unit pricing.

Question: Fee for de-mining can be included in price proposal?

Answer: Yes, de-mining limits have been specified in the RFP. Cost shall be reflected in cost proposal.

Question: Insurance for staff and machinery can be included in price proposal?

Answer: Yes, all overhead costs shall be included in proposal.

Question: Can mobilization advance be paid after mobilization to the site? If yes, how much of total cost?

Answer: Payment can be made for work accepted, including mobilization.

Question: Is CCR required for this solicitation:

Answer: If your business is a U. S. owned business, yes. If your business is a local Afghan owned business, no.

Question: In section 00150, part I, general item no. 1, what does registered Architects and Engineers represent?

Answer: Only a registered engineer is required for this project.

Question: Can the contractor submit a unit cost because of the nature and timing of this project?

Answer: Amendment 0001 is issued to include unit pricing. This contract requires a firm-fixed price. However unit pricing for specific items is also required. All assumptions made in preparing the cost estimate and design should be clearly stated.

Question: Can we meet with site Rep. that you stated exists?

Answer: Competitors can meet with the Corps of Engineer Representatives.

Question: De-Mining?

Answer: De-mining is required within the project limits as specified in the RFPs.

Question: road from Gardez to Khost between Gardez and the path by name of sate Kandau, there is the U.S.A. soldiers compound, the existing road is occupied by them. By the moment all the traffic cross the private lands about 6km without any alignment, gravel, the traffic cross this area with many difficulties. How should this area be in our proposal?

Answer: Price upgrading the bypass road.

Question: Are there any printed surveys of the roads; to assess a) # of drainage required; b) Bill of quantities; c) amount of gravel; d) # of Wadi Crossings?

Answer: We are not aware of any surveys. All information currently available was provided in the RFP package and on the CD with photographs. Contractors are encouraged to perform visual surveys.

Question: # 0023 (Qalat – Shinkay Road) With existing Security situation, would US troops protect the team?

Answer: The contractor is required to provide the required security.

Question: The Road between Gardiz and Mirzaka is not wide enough and in some places it goes through the agricultural land and gardens, we think that the people won't be willing to cut their trees and/or give their lands for the road to make it enough wide.

Answer: No road may be widened if it will encroach upon privately owned property. Roads may only be widened or re-aligned within the road Right-of-way. If possible, provide vehicle turnouts on both sides of the narrow portion of road so that vehicles may turn out and yield to oncoming traffic.

Question: How wide is each road?

Answer: The design width is 9 meters: two 3-meter lanes and two 1.5-meter shoulders as specified in the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan Ministry of Public Works Interim Road and Highway Standards, dated 21 March 2005, page 6.

Question: What kind of road should be considered, in the city roads or provincial roads?

Answer: Road types are Minor Roads as specified in the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan Ministry of Public Works Interim Road and Highway Standards, dated 21 March 2005, page 6.

Question: Should the ditches along the road be considered as local built without stone masonry or with stone masonry?

Answer: Ditches may be grave trenches, unless erosion control is necessary in selected areas, such as steep or narrow, restricted areas.

Question: Should the road edges be strengthened and compacted?

Answer: Road shoulders should, at a minimum, be graded and compacted in rural areas. Shoulders should be paved in built-up areas.

Question: Should the existing road be kept 100% or we can bring some changes in our design/

Answer: Changes that improve the road design and quality are encouraged.

Question: What problems would come out with destroying the residential houses along the road in order to widen the roads?

Answer: No road may be widened if it will encroach upon privately owned property. No property will be taken or destroyed. Roads may only be widened or re-aligned within the road Right-of-Way.

Question: Who take the security? If the contractor does it, how can mobilizing it? By adding a percentage to the B of Q, by adding a line in the B of Q.

Answer: The Contractor is responsible for security.

Question: What is the compensation of a person who is killed in the time of duty? Death and injury insurance.

Answer: The Contractor must provide for means to compensate employees for injury or death.

Question: When a contractor win, how they get the mobilization advance?

Answer: Contractors are expected to be able to mobilize without an advance from the Government. However, advances may be approved by the contracting officer on a case by case basis.

Question: how they get interim payment?

Answer: Progress payments will be allowed for only accepted and approved work and properly invoiced.

Question: How give the right of way information?

Answer: The successful offeror is responsible for coordinating all right of ways.

Question: Land acquisition is not clear

Answer: No property will be acquired under this procurement. Roads may only be widened or re-aligned within the road Right-of-Way.

Question: realignment is not clear

Answer: No road may be widened or realigned if it will encroach upon privately owned or developed property. No property will be taken or destroyed. Roads may only be widened or re-aligned within the road Right-of-Way.

Question: By pass road

Answer: This question is unclear, therefore no answer is provided.

Question: Bus Bay

Answer: This question is unclear, therefore no answer is provided.

Question: Round about is not shown

Answer: This question is unclear, therefore no answer is provided.

Question: Intersection Design

Answer: Roads that intersect with project roads shall be graded to match new road elevation for a smooth approach transition for a distance of 10 meters.

Question: consultancy fees

Answer: All fees and overhead shall be included in cost proposal.

Question: Bus terminal

Answer: This question is unclear, therefore no answer is provided.

Question: Type of road

Answer: Road types are Minor Roads as specified in the Islamic Republic of Afghanistan Ministry of Public Works Interim Road and Highway Standards, dated 21 March 2005, page 6.

Question: Shifting, relocation of utilities item

Answer: Utilities, such as power poles shall be relocated if they interfere with road alignment. If water, sewer, storm drainage pipes or electrical poles, lines, etc., are damaged during construction of the road, they must be repaired. If private property is damaged during construction, it must be replaced or repaired.

Question: What about cost for equipment and lab?

Answer: Include all equipment costs and lab testing in proposal.

Question: How many companies can work jointly (Local and International)?

Answer: There is no limitation. However, the prime contractor will be held accountable for all work.